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Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Chairman Committee on the Judiciary House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reference to your letter of 11 May 1976 and the letter of 13 May 1976 from Representative Romano L. Mazzoli, both to Mr. George L. Cary, requesting Top Secret security clearances for certain staff personnel for access to CIA information in connection with the Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law study on the relationship of the oil industry with the OPEC cartel.

In accordance with the discussion between Mr. Earl Dudley and Mr. Kenneth Starling of your staff and
on 26 May 1976, it was agreed that the security clearances requested by you
and Representative Mazzoli would be processed by the Committee with the FBI
in accordance with established Committee procedures rather than by the Agency, since the nature and extent of Agency information for the study is not known at this time.
When CIA information is identified or believed available in the course
of the study, Mr. Dudley or Mr. Starling will contact for
assistance in determining what information can be provided.
As requested by Mr. Dudley, the security clearance processing forms
of the staff personnel provided to us are herewith returned. We are apprising
Mr. Warrali of this arrangement

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

Enclosures:

Clearance processing forms for: Messers. Shambon, Sippel and Starling

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Dear Mr. Cary:

The Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of the Committee on the Judiciary is currently involved in a study of joint ventures in the petroleum industry. The vertical divestiture effort by the Senate rests to a large extent on the argument that the companies substantially aid in holding the OPEC cartel together. In order for the Subcommittee to explore this matter, it will be necessary to examine records, reports and communications of both the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency and these records, I understand, have varying levels of security classification.

Your agency, as well as the State Department, has advised that top secret clearance will be needed to insure access to the appropriate records. Therefore, I request that top secret clearance for this purpose be granted to Leonard M. Shambon, Counsel; William L. Sippel, Counsel; and Kenneth G. Starling, Associate Counsel.

Your assistance and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

PETER W. RODINO, JR.

Chairman

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Dear Mr. Cary:

Enclosed is the supporting documentation for the security clearance requested by Chairman Rodino for members of the Monopolies Subcommittee staff.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure Greturned to Chm Rodino